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Consumer Price Index – May 2015

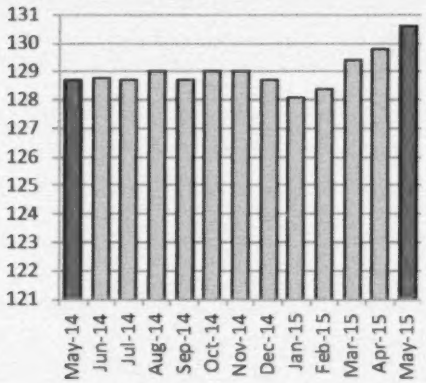
Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 1.5% compared to one year ago. By comparison, the annual price increase was 0.9% for Canada, 0.9% for Edmonton while prices in Whitehorse declined by 0.6%.

All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

	15-May	15-Apr	14-May	15-Apr	14-May	12-Month Average 14-Jun 15-May	12-Month Average 13-Jun 14-May	% Change
Yellowknife	130.6	129.8	128.7	0.6	1.5	129.0	127.1	1.5
Canada	126.9	126.2	125.8	0.6	0.9	125.7	123.7	1.6
Edmonton	133.3	132.8	132.1	0.4	0.9	132.1	130.2	1.5
Whitehorse	124.4	123.5	125.1	0.7	-0.6	123.9	123.9	-

Compared to May 2014, consumer prices increased in Yellowknife for most major components with the exception of shelter and health & personal care. Higher prices for food from stores (6.1%) and household furnishings (6.2%) were offset by lower prices for fuel oil and other fuels (-25.2%) and gasoline (-12.3%).

CPI - Yellowknife
May 2014 to May 2015



As the graph shows, month over month prices have increased steadily since January 2015. Between April and May there was a 0.6% increase in Yellowknife. Contributing to this monthly change were price increases for clothing & footwear, recreation, education & reading and gasoline. The price of gasoline rose 4.3% compared to April 2015.

CPI values for Yellowknife and Whitehorse include estimates of price changes for owned accommodation based on the price of rental accommodation. As a result, the all-items indexes published for these centres are not strictly comparable to those for Canada and Edmonton.

Next release of CPI: July 17, 2015.

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Consumer Price Index, May 2015

Selected Indexes, Yellowknife (2002 = 100)

	15-May	15-Apr	14-May	% Change from 15-Apr	% Change from 14-May
All Items	130.6	129.8	128.7	0.6	1.5
Food	137.3	138.0	130 8	-0.5	5.0
Food from Stores	136.7	137.6	128.9	-0.7	6.1
Food from Restaurants	138.2	137.7	135.7	0.4	1.8
Shelter	149.7	149.9	150.9	-0.1	-0.8
Water, Fuel & Electricity	187.4	189.0	204.4	-0.8	-8.3
Household Operations & Furnishings	114.3	114.1	111.5	0.2	2.5
Household Operations	121.4	121.7	120.4	-0.2	0.8
Household Furnishings	99.1	97.8	93.3	1.3	6.2
Clothing & Footwear	102.6	99.3	100.5	3.3	2.1
Clothing	96.2	94.0	93.6	2.3	2.8
Footwear	96.7	92.9	92.3	4.1	4.8
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	141.7	133.3	146.5	6.3	-3.3
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	110.1	110.1	109.8	-	0.3
Transportation	124.8	123.3	122.7	1.2	1.7
Private Transportation	125.4	122.8	122.5	2.1	2.4
Public Transportation	126.0	128.4	126.6	-1.9	-0.5
Health & Personal Care	117.5	120.1	119.5	-2.2	-1.7
Health Care	117.8	115.5	114.8	2.0	2.6
Personal Care	118.6	124.5	124.1	-4.7	-4.4
Recreation, Education & Reading	105.0	101.3	102.4	3.7	2.5
Recreation	101.2	97.0	98.4	4.3	2.8
Education & Reading	126.6	126.6	126.3	-	0.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	166.3	166.0	163.9	0.2	1.5
Alcoholic Beverages	149.6	148.5	148.0	0.7	1.1
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	184.8	186.1	181.4	-0.7	1.9
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:					
Food	129.3	128.3	128.2	0.8	0.9
Energy	126.5	125.8	123.0	0.6	2.8
Shelter	122.5	121.4	119.5	0.9	2.5
Alcoholic Beverages	130.2	129.4	128.2	0.6	1.6
Tobacco Products	129.5	128.7	127.6	0.6	1.5
Housing (1986 Definition)	139.6	138.8	139.1	0.6	0.4
ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:					
Energy	173.4	171.9	193.7	0.9	-10.5
Electricity	189.4	189.4	181.5	-	4.4
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	212.7	217.8	284.5	-2.3	-25.2
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	139.5	133.7	159.1	4.3	-12.3
Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rect'l Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..

Note: Additional indexes are available from the Time Series Retrieval and Statistics Canada Catalogue 62-001.
Source: Statistics Canada